

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and objections contained in the Office Action of June 18, 2009 is respectfully requested.

By this amendment, claims 21-22, 33-35, and 40 have been amended and claims 31-32 and 38-39 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Claims 21-30, 33-37 and 40 are now pending in the application. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

II. Claim Objections

On page 2 of the Office Action, the claims are objected to regarding the recitation of “natural fabric yarn.” The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner; withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

III. Prior Art Rejections

Currently, claims 21-30 and 34-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Corbiere (US 5,027,988).

On page 4 of the Office Action, claims 31-33 and 38-40 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Independent claim 21 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 32, and independent claim 34 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 39. Because each of the independent claims now include subject matter which has been

indicated by the Examiner as being allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, inasmuch as all of the outstanding issues have been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain after consideration of the response, however, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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